

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. B-4444

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 612-614 South Wolfe Street

2. Location

street & number 612-614 South Wolfe Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Baltimore ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland ☐ county Baltimore City

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The houses at 612-614 South Wolfe Street face east. They are located in the middle of a fully-developed urban block, wedged between two taller nineteenth-century brick buildings. The houses mirror one another in plan and elevation. Each house is a two-bay, one-and-one-half story, partially brick-nogged frame building with a frame rear addition; each house is also furnished with a finished second floor space lit with front and rear dormer windows. The front exterior of each building is finished with milled weatherboard. Wood shingles cover the front sections of the roof, but layers of tarpaper have obscured the original wood shingle roof on the rear elevation. Sections of the original rear roof of the main block are still visible at 614 South Wolfe Street.

The original sections of each house contain a single door and window on the first floor of the front facade. While each existing rear elevation presently contains only a single door, each rear elevation was originally furnished with a door and window placed directly opposite the front openings. Each dwelling is also constructed with opposing dormer windows on the front and back facades of the second floor. These openings are located directly above the the first floor window openings and their placement appears to be original. There were once two centrally-placed windows on both floors of the south facade of 614 South Wolfe Street.

The main block of each house measures approximately 12 by 16 feet. The first floor of each side consists of a single room with a fireplace, angled cupboard, and corner windowing stair; each second floor also consists of a single room lit by opposing dormers. The fireplace on the 612 South Wolfe Street side has been infilled with brick; its original mantel was removed and another mantel, moved from from a different location, has been reinstalled a few inches forward of its original location. The fireplace at 614 South Wolfe has been completely removed and concealed behind beaded wainscot; the only indication of the former fireplace location is a section of mantel located above the wainscot. First floor interiors are finished with wooden mantel surrounds, plaster and riven lath walls, beaded milled wainscot, and chair rails. Second floor interiors are simply finished with riven lath and plaster walls and a wooden baseboard. Wood framing elements in both dwellings consist of a mixture of hewn and sawn members. The spaces between studs and posts were nogged with sammel brick; the nogging is still present in many places.

Both rear additions are of frame construction. The rear addition of 612 South Wolfe Street, which measures approximately 15'-6" by 13', is fitted with a square chimney stack in the southwest corner. The rear addition of 614 South Wolfe Street is longer, measuring approximately 12' by 17'. This section is finished with beaded milled wainscot and plaster walls. There is a small fireplace located in the northwest end of the west wall.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Wolfe Street dwellings in Fells Point are extremely rare survivals of a building type that was once common in late eighteenth and early nineteenth century Baltimore. These small frame houses, which represent the lower of housing available to nineteenth-century city dwellers, somehow escaped demolition or extensive remodeling despite their urban location.

Little is known about the history of the Wolfe Street dwellings. Plans to undertake a historic structures report on the properties in the near future are underway; the report will likely yield more information.

(See Maryland Threatened Building Survey report - Threatened Resources Documented In Maryland, 1991-92, prepared by Lanier et al, dated July 1992. HABS No. MD-1061)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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**HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
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612-614 SOUTH WOLFE STREET
FELLS POINT VICINITY
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

HABS No. MD-1061

Photographer: David Ames
October, 1991- May 1992

MD-1061-1A ELEVATION OF EAST FACADE OF 612-614 WOLFE STREET
LOOKING WEST.

612 WOLFE STREET

MD-1061-1B ELEVATION OF WEST FACADE LOOKING EAST.

MD-1061-2B FIRST FLOOR: VIEW OF WEST AND SOUTH WALLS
LOOKING SOUTH-SOUTHWEST.

MD-1061-3B FIRST FLOOR: VIEW OF SOUTH WALL LOOKING SOUTH
SHOWING FIREPLACE, CUPBOARD, AND WINDING STAIR
IN SOUTHWEST CORNER.

MD-1061-4B FIRST FLOOR: VIEW OF NORTH WALL LOOKING NORTH.

MD-1061-5B SECOND FLOOR: VIEW OF SOUTH AND WEST WALLS
LOOKING SOUTHWEST SHOWING STAIR OPENING AND
WEST-FACING DORMER.

MD-1061-6B SECOND FLOOR: VIEW OF SOUTH WALL AND CHIMNEY
STACK LOOKING SOUTH.

MD-1061-7B SECOND FLOOR: VIEW OF WINDING STAIR IN
SOUTHWEST CORNER LOOKING DOWN TOWARD FIRST
FLOOR.

614 WOLFE STREET

MD-1061-1C ELEVATION OF WEST FACADE LOOKING EAST.

MD-1061-2C FIRST FLOOR: VIEW OF NORTH AND WEST WALLS OF
EAST ROOM LOOKING NORTHWEST SHOWING WINDING
STAIR IN NORTHWEST CORNER.

MD-1061-3C FIRST FLOOR: VIEW OF NORTH WALL OF EAST ROOM
LOOKING NORTH SHOWING CHIMNEY STACK AND
CUPBOARD.

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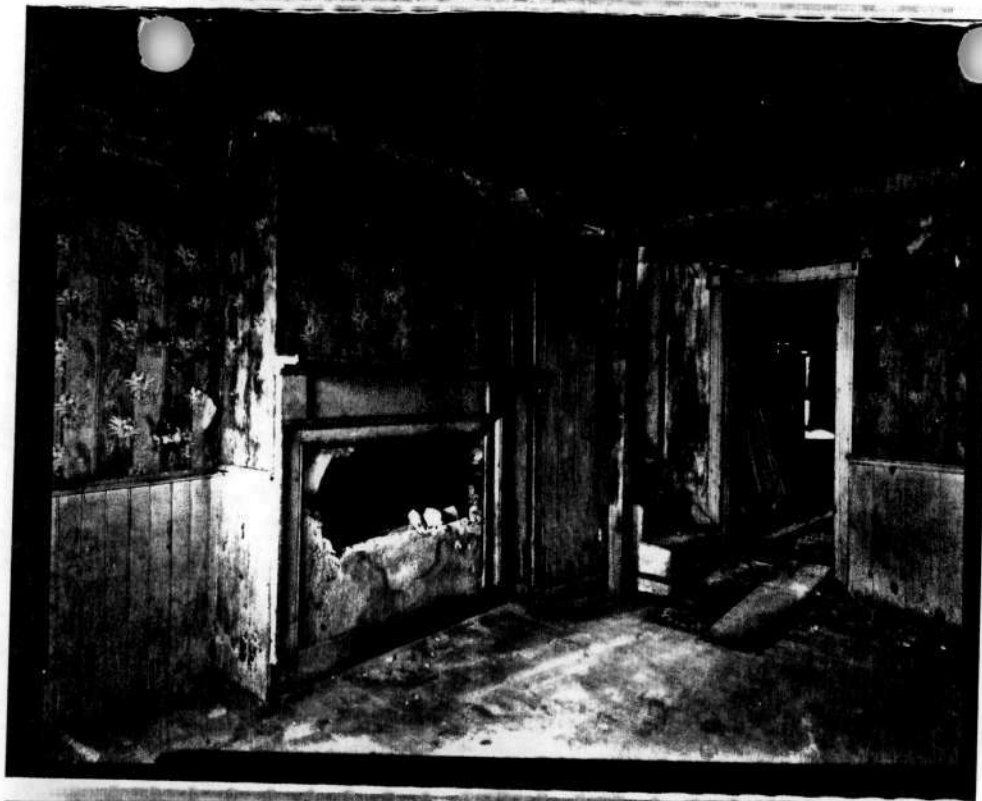
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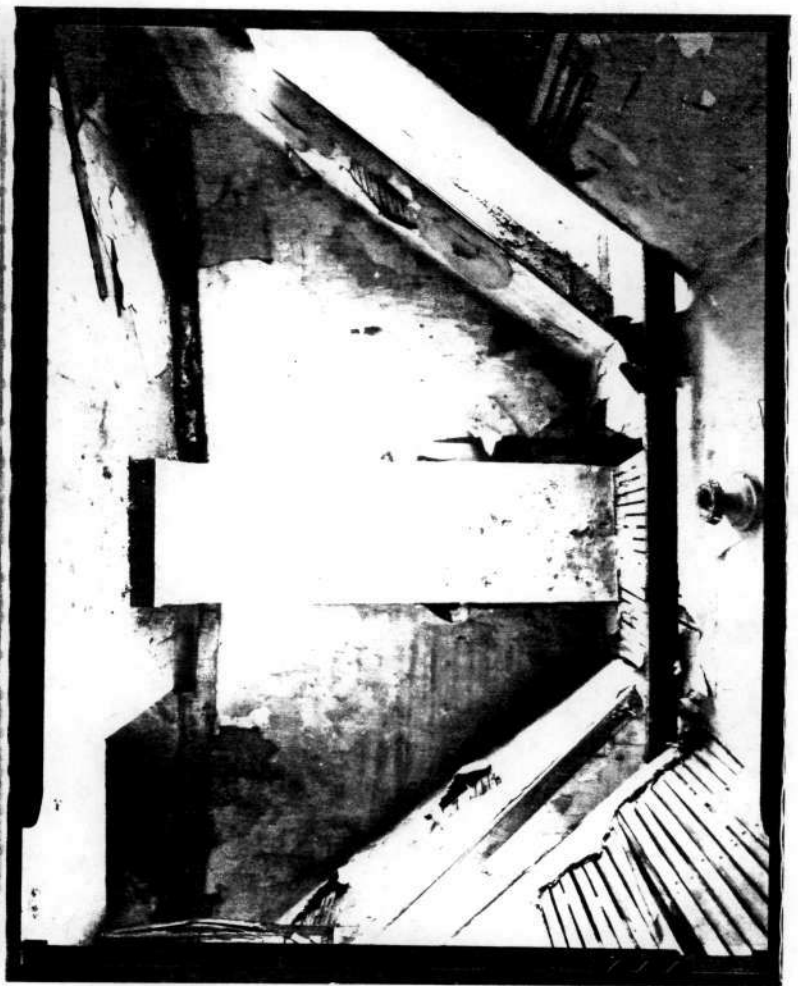
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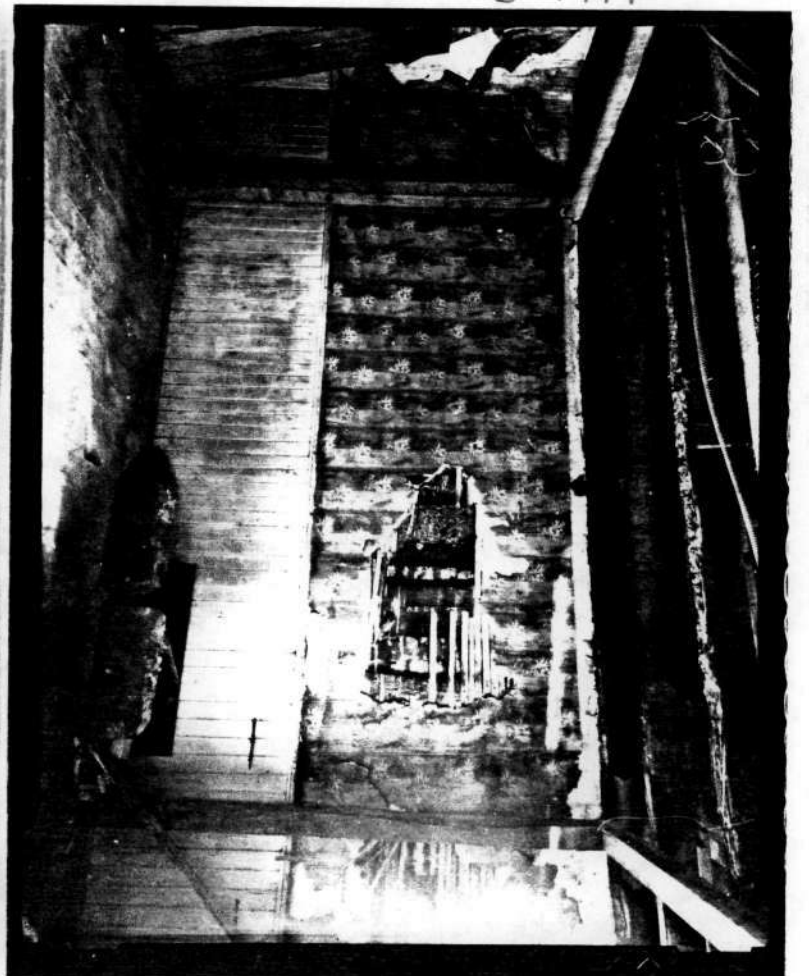
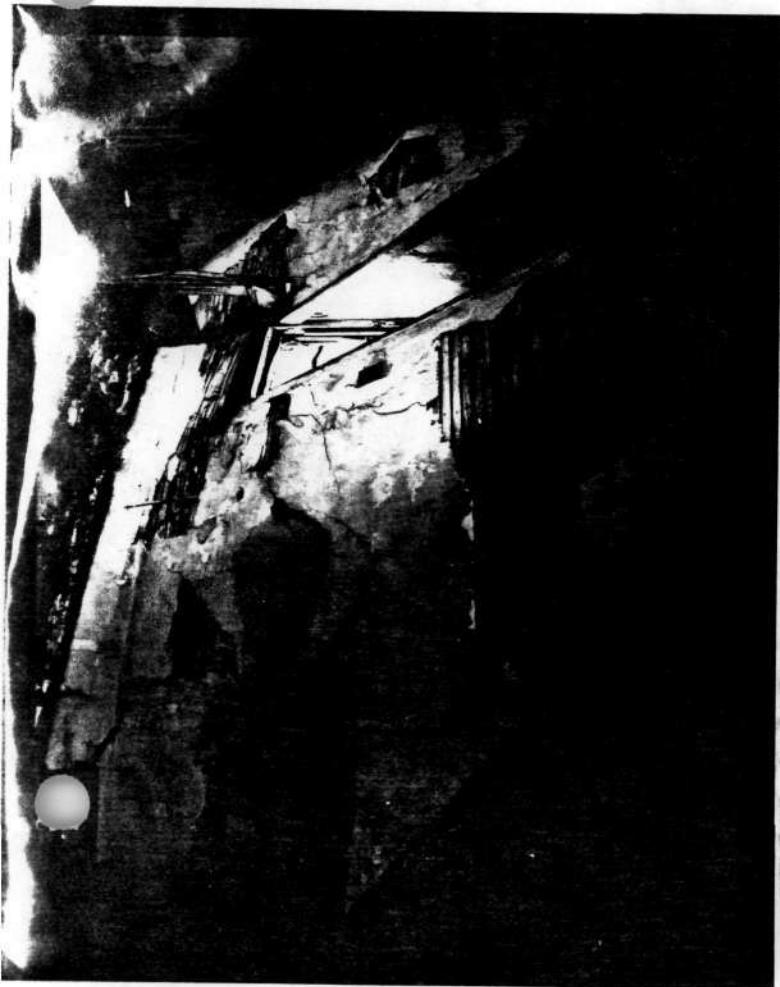
FIRST FLOOR: VIEW OF WEST AND SOUTH WALLS OF WEST ROOM LOOKING WEST-SOUTHWEST SHOWING "GHOSTS" OF PREVIOUS ROOFLINES.



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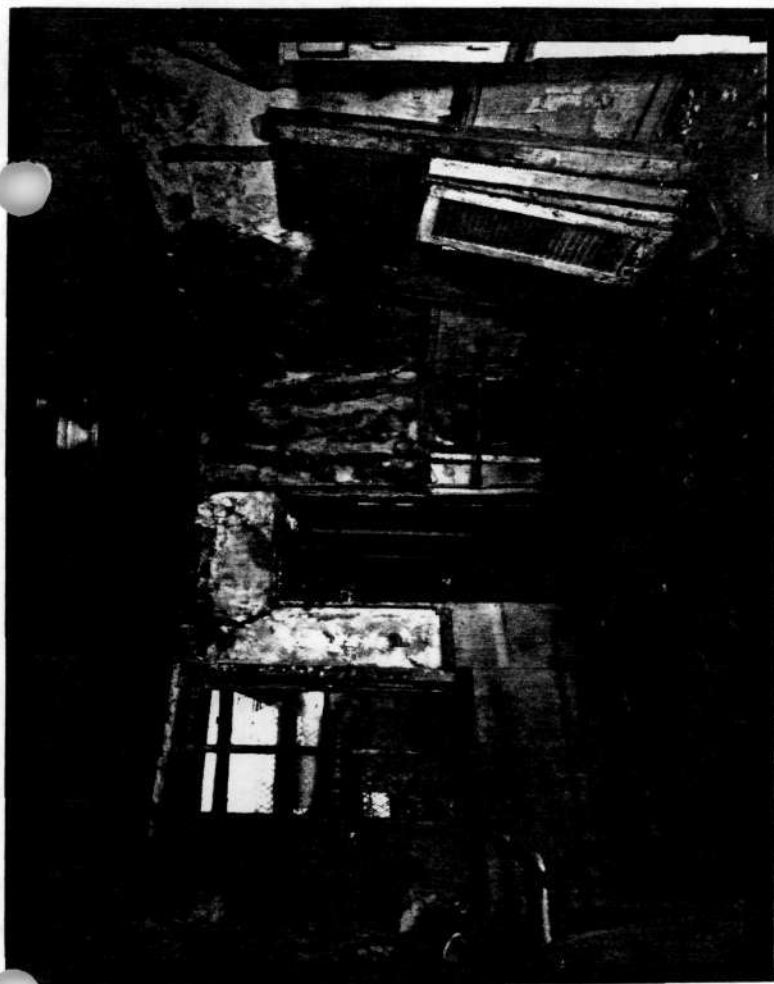
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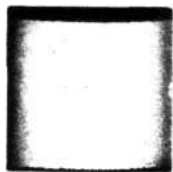


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